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MEETING SUMMARY

VETAC Web site

The Department of Education will host the VETAC Web site. A summary of actions taken will be posted following each meeting.

Enhancing Education Through Technology (Ed Tech Program) Competitive Grant

The Department of Education will award approximately \$5M in the form of competitive grants to consortia who submit proposals that encourage the effective integration of technology resources and systems with the curriculum. Additional information regarding the Ed Tech Program can be found at

<http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Technology/EdTech>

Standards of Learning Web-based Initiative

In the fall of 2002, forty-four divisions, representing 15,000 students were tested online. To date, 91% of the school divisions have completed the Stage 1 Certification. Plans for spring of 2004 are to administer 400,000 tests. E-Tools Live is a tutorial that allows students to practice electronic test taking skills and use the online tools. The tutorial is available on the Internet and on a CD for either platform.

Staffing Guidelines for Technology Support

The Technology Division has prepared a set of educational technology support staffing guidelines for review by the State Board of Education.

Technology Standards for Administrators

The focus of the Technology Standards for Administrators (TSSA) is changing to reflect the ISTE Nets-A standards. *Making Technology Standards Work for You: A Guide for School Administrators* is a resource published by ISTE that offers a step-by-step approach to help administrators develop and implement a vision for using educational technology more effectively. A copy of the resource will be sent to each VETAC member. The membership approved action by VETAC to prepare and distribute a statement emphasizing the importance of technology standards for administrators. Members of the Virginia VITAL group are working with ISTE to design training for administrators.

Online Professional Development

The Department of Education is working with several school divisions to pilot professional development courses using Blackboard, LessonLab, and CyperLearning's Angel.

Resources

Two resources are now available from the National Center for Educational Statistics. They are *Technology in Schools, Suggestions, Tools and Guidelines for Assessing Technology in Elementary and Secondary Education* and *Safety in Numbers: Collecting and Using Crime, Violence and Discipline Incident Data to Make a Difference in Schools*. Both publications are available in PDF at www.ces.ed.gov/forum .

State Educational Technology Plan

The 2003 Educational Technology Plan will be presented to the State Board of Education for review at its March meeting. Contact Lan Neugent < lneugent@mail.vak12ed.edu>, for a draft copy of the plan.

VITAL Training for Administrators

Training is being provided for administrators in 70 of Virginia's school divisions. As part of the training, 13,000 teachers and 14,000 students have participated in the TAGLIT (Taking A Good Look at Instructional Technology) is a suite of web-based technology planning tools designed to help principals and other school leaders gather, analyze, and report information about how technology is used for teaching and learning in their schools.